

**The Kentucky Board of Licensure and Certification for Dietitians and Nutritionists**  
**January 31, 2007**  
**10:00 a.m.**

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensure and Certification for Dietitians and Nutritionists was conducted Wednesday, January 31, 2007 at the Division of Occupations and Professions, 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**Members Present**

Cheryl Bentley, Board Chair  
Jane Faith, Secretary  
Karen Gilliam  
Margaret Curtis  
Toni Rodgers

**Occupations and Professions**

Carolyn Jones, Board Administrator  
Claude Wagner, Occupations and Professions

**Office of the Attorney General**

Scott Porter, Board Attorney

**Members Absent**

Erin Eliassen  
Rose Zimmer

**Guests**

Rick Phillips, Kentucky TeleHealth Board  
Rob Sprang, Kentucky TeleHealth Board

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**Call to Order**

Ms. Bentley called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Board members introduced themselves to the representatives from the Kentucky TeleHealth Board.

**Guest Speakers**

Mr. Rob Sprang and Mr. Rick Phillips attended the Board meeting for the purpose of discussing the use of the services that Kentucky TeleHealth provides in the state and to answer questions with regard to the practice of dietetics and nutrition and how the practice tied in to the services they provided. One of their primary purposes is to provide access to specialty health care in rural areas of Kentucky. For someone to provide services via the TeleHealth network the practitioner must be licensed and/or credentialed in the state and facility where those services were going to be provided. In essence, they must meet all licensure requirements in the state and facility they were being "picked up and taken to." The question was asked what the cost to the Board would be should they wish to use this service. Mr. Phillips responded that there would be no cost incurred.

Following their presentation and discussion the Board asked the Board Administrator to communicate with Maria Butler that they were going to defer responding to her question pending further research.

**Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Rodgers made a motion to approve the minutes, from the November 8, 2006 meeting. Ms. Faith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Approval of Financial Statement**

Ms. Rodgers asked Mr. Wagner how come the \$2 convenience fee charged to licensee's for on-line renewal was not reflected on the financial statement. Mr. Wagner was not able to provide the Board with an answer and said that he would speak with the division's fiscal office and get an answer for the Board. Following discussion, Ms. Rodgers made a motion to approve the financial statement. Ms. Gilliam seconded the motion. The motions carried.

**Director's Report**

Mr. Wagner distributed a sheet with the breakdown of historical spending data for the Board for the last 5 years. He reported that the Board was in good shape financially and that his research did not bring out any red flags or areas that needed special attention. He also reported that the imaging equipment was on-site and that the software would be loaded on February 7, 2007. Following in-house training, he predicted that the scanning initiative would be functional and on-line within about 7 weeks.

Mr. Wagner also proposed to the Board that he was planning to begin ordering renewal cards for all Boards that had an annual renewal date, as opposed to anniversary date, for licensure. This is being implemented in order to provide better “customer service” to licensee’s upon receipt of their renewal applications. It currently takes 2-3 weeks for licensee’s to receive their renewal cards following the date their information was updated in the database.

### **Old Business**

Ms. Bentley asked Board members if they’d had any success in obtaining a sponsor for the inactive licensure/voluntary relinquishment changes the Board was attempting to get introduced during this session. Ms. Faith reported that she had made contact with the offices of Representative John Will Stacy and Senator Walter Blevins. Senator Blevins reported that he would be glad to support the bill but felt that it would have a better chance of being passed if he didn’t sponsor it. Ms. Faith had also made contact with Melissa Trowbridge, a representative of the Kentucky Dietetic Association. Ms. Trowbridge was going to contact Senator Gary Tapp to see if he would be interested in sponsoring the bill. Ms. Rodgers agreed to make an attempt to contact Representative Ruth Ann Palumbo. Mr. Porter stated that he was able to meet and explain the Board’s proposal but could not lobby for a sponsor.

Ms. Bentley stated that she had asked for, and received, clarification was to what she was allowed and not allowed to do to obtain a sponsor because she is a state government employee. She was told that she was allowed to attempt to secure a sponsor for the bill but must do it on her own time.

Mr. Porter stated that in his opinion, he felt that the “drop dead date” for proposing this bill was February 15, 2007.

Further old business was revisiting the proposal the Board had received from Dr. Geza Bruckner, from the University of Kentucky. In November, Dr. Bruckner had addressed the Board with regard to offering Certification as a Clinical Nutritionist to students completing their Master’s degrees in Exercise Physiology and Athletic Training. Following a lengthy discussion Ms. Rodgers made the motion that a letter be sent to Dr. Bruckner informing him that the Board had voted to form a sub-committee to research and recommend regulations that would establish criteria to identify and define acceptable academic programs. And that until that occurred, any application would have to be reviewed on a case by case basis. Ms. Faith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Bentley appointed Ms. Rodgers, Ms. Eliassen, and Ms. Curtis to service on that sub-committee. It was agreed that they plan to meet following the Board meetings in March and May.

### **New Business**

No new business was introduced for discussion.

### **Audited Renewals**

Ms. Rodgers motioned the Board to **approve** the following audited renewals: Cheryl Body, Brittany Brown, Karen Buckler, Sharon Burkholder, Megan Canavera, Jennifer Fuller, Sue Ann Lainhart, Salisa T. Lewis, Andrea Roberts, Carla Washnock, Staci Marie Wolff, Jennifer L. Wyatt, and Marsha Young. Ms. Faith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Rodgers motioned the Board to **deny** approval of the following audited renewals: Jason McKenzie, Sandra Rippetoe, and Jennifer Sams. Ms. Faith seconded the motion. The motion carried. Cease and Desist letter will be sent.

### **Continuing Education Requests**

Ms. Faith made a motion that the following continuing education programs and hours be **approved**:

- Review of the Revised Pressure Ulcer Guidelines – submitted by Ora Mae Roark – approved for 6.5 hours
- Purchase District Health Department: Programs and Services – submitted by Rebecca Wright – approved for 1.0 hours
- Tumor Board – submitted by Rebecca Wright and Amy Fennel – approved for 1 hour

- Diabetes Agents: A Review of Medication – submitted by Rebecca Wright – approved for 1 hour

And to **defer** approval of:

- Discussion of “Treatment of Obesity” Mayo Clinic Publication dated January 2007 – submitted by Barbara Ashburn – deferred pending receipt of objectives, speaker vita/qualifications, participants and credentials.

Ms. Rodgers seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **Applications for Licensure**

Ms. Curtis made a motion to **approve** the following applicants for licensure: Donna Arena, Shelly Bechtel, Kristy M. Bratcher, Amy Marie Crist, Ashley Nicole Eades, Pamela Green, Stephanie K. Halbert, Candice Hayden, Mary Marchana Johnson, Heather Marie Kaufman, Katherine C. Kennedy, Amanda Kelley Miller, Kari Mulligan, Angela M. Pezzarossi, Hilary K. Schmidt, and Mary Ann Stoddard. The motion further stated that the application for licensure submitted by Shirley Jean Ernest be deferred. Ms. Faith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **Applications for Reinstatement**

Ms. Gilliam made a motion to **approve** the following applications for reinstatement: Elizabeth Adams, Lois Marie Angelucci, Kathleen Marie Lepping, Rebecca H. Lowry, Karen McKnight, Heather Payne-Emerson, Beth Rice, and Mellie Venable. The motion further stated that the following applications for reinstatement be **denied**: Wendy Compton, Linda P. Stephens, and Jennifer Florence. And the application of Julia R. W. Muscarella be **deferred** pending clarification of certificate of attendance as indicated in her file. Ms. Faith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **Scheduled Meetings**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 28, 2007 beginning at beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Division of Occupations and Professions located at 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky.

#### **Approval for Travel and Per Diem**

Ms. Rodgers made a motion to approve travel and per diem for today’s meeting. Ms. Faith seconded motion. The motion carried.

#### **Adjournment**

Ms. Faith made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Gilliam seconded the motion. Ms. Bentley adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.